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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AMED, CASC, TBIO, CE

SUBJ: REPORT OF CHOLERA

DEPT FOR DG/MED

PHS FOR FQ

DELHI FOR DR ETZEL

REF: COLOMBO 2672; COLOMBO 2749

1. PRESS REPORTS NOV 12 INDICATE THAT NO NEW CHOLERA CASES HAVE BEEN DETECTED IN LAST THREE DAYS AND THAT EPIDEMIC HAS BEEN BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL. THOUGH DR WEERATUNGE, SECTY IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH, INFORMS US OCCASIONAL CASES ARE STILL BEING DETECTED, SITUATION DOES REFLECT SOME DEGREE OF SUCCESS IN EFFORT TO CONTAIN DISEASE IN PRIMARY AREA OF INFECTION, I.E., JAFFNA PENINSULA. LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE CONTINUING PROGRAM OF MASS INOCULATION TO FORESTALL POSSIBLE SPREADING OF DISEASE. WITH RECEIPT OF ALMOST A MILLION AND HALF DOES OF VACCINE FROM DONOR COUNTRIES AND WHO, INOCULATION PROGRAM IS NOW BEING EXTENDED TO COLOMBO, PRIMARILY TO HEALTH WORKERS, FOOD HANDLERS, AND RESIDENTS OF HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

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2. AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE AFTER APPEARANCE OF CHOLERA

CARRIER IN COLOMBO, EMBASSY HAS INSTITUTED INOCULATION PROGRAM FOR NON-OFFICIAL AMERICANS, LOCAL EMPLOYEES, AND HOUSEHOLD SERVANTS IN HOMES OF EMBASSY STAFF PERSONNEL. ALL AMERICAN STAFF MEMBERS HAVE UP-TO-DATE INOCULATIONS.

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS, TOTAL NUMBER OF CHOLERA CASES NOW STANDS AT 130, OF WHICH ABOUT HALF HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED. DEATHS COME TO 27, OF WHICH TEN HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED.

4. COMMENT: WE APPRECIATE DEPTS CLEAR EXPLANATION IN STATE 220522 OF RATIONALE BEHIND POLICY OF COORDINATING ALL EPIDEMIC ASSISTANCE THROUGH WHO. WE HAVE INFORMED ALL CONCERNED AS WARRANTED. WE WOULD SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT DEPT SOLICIT COOPERATION OF OTHER PRINCIPAL DONORS TO ADHERE TO SIMILAR POLICY, SO THAT POLITICAL DISADVANTAGES OF PRESENT NON-UNIFORM POSITION WOULD BE ELIMINATED.  
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